

ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS: Sundays 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM High, 11:30 AM, 5:45 PM

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Rev. Charles McGuire • Rev. Vili Lehtoranta • Rev. Stephen McKenna

March 6, 2016

LENT IV

STS. PERPETUA & FELICITY, MM



¶ LAETARE SUNDAY

The Blessing of Religious Articles is available today after all Masses. The second collection for our seminary is taken up at the offertory. No Sunday Classes today. After the 9:00 AM Mass, come back to Helfta Hall to participate in our "Sisters' Sunday." Purchase a hot breakfast and peruse our sale selections. All proceeds go to Our Lady of Reparation Convent here in West Chester. Vespers and Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: PASSION SUNDAY

Next Sunday opens Passiontide, with the statues and images shrouded in purple. Sunday classes will be at 10:40 AM. Vespers and Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 Set Your Missal: Passion Sunday, with collects of Our Lady & All the Saints, and for the Living & the Dead. Preface of Lent.

¶ OOPS!

There was a mistake in last week's bulletin, as well as on the Calendar. Daylight Saving Time begins NEXT Sunday, March 13. You should set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday, March 12.

¶ CAN YOU HELP?

Volunteers will be most welcome to help cover the statues on Saturday morning after the 8:20 AM Mass, as we prepare for Passiontide.

Lumen Christi

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn before the Blessed Sacrament during the next fortnight for the following intention:

Claude R. Spelliscy
(Claude R. Spelliscy)



THE MULTIPLICATION
OF THE LOAVES AND FISHES

¶ YOUR LENT

This might be a good Lent to come to church between Sundays. There's Vespers *every* day, you know. Stations twice a week, and the Sorrowful Mother Novena after Stations on Friday Evening. Oh, many Masses each week to choose from. Don't forget the *great* Lenten Potlucks on Fridays after the 5:45!

¶ STATIONS

Who *doesn't* come to Stations in Lent? Wednesday Children's Stations are at 3 PM (everybody welcome, though) and Friday Evening Stations at the old traditional time of 7:30 PM.

"All the strength of Satan's reign is due to the easy-going weakness of Catholics."

– Pope St. Pius X

¶ YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE

In your prayers please remember Gary Amyx, Roderic Dutcher (from St. Clare mission), Patrick Gill, Elizabeth Walsh (major surgery 3/7/16), and Linda Faith's father.

¶ UPCOMING

Girls' Camp 2016: June 22-24.

Tomorrow, Monday, March 7: High Mass of St. Thomas Aquinas 11:20 AM.

¶ THE PASCHAL SACRAMENTS: 2016

Please note these important dates:

- *First Confessions & Testing:* Saturday, April 16. (Baptismal certificate must be already presented, and registration form completed. Contact the church office for the necessary form.)

- *Children's Day of Recollection:* Thursday, May 12.

- *Confirmation:* Saturday, May 14.

- *First Communion:* Corpus Christi Sunday, May 29.

Parents, please note: the Baptismal certificates of children not baptized at St. Gertrude the Great must be submitted to the church office by Wednesday, March 16th. If your child is not enrolled in the school or in Sunday catechism, please let us know if you are planning on bringing him to be tested on April 16th.

Collection Report

Sunday, February 28th.....\$3,743.50
Thank you for your generosity.

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH FOR PRIESTS

O glorious Saint Joseph, thou who, on the word of the angel speaking to thee in the night, didst put fear aside to take thy Virgin Bride into thy home, show thyself today the advocate and protector of priests.

Guardian of the Infant Christ, defend them against every attack of the enemy, preserve them from the dangers that surround them on every side. Forget not Herod's threats against the Child, the anguish of the flight into Egypt by night, and the hardships of thy exile.

Stand by the accused; stretch out thy hand to those who have fallen; comfort the fearful; forsake not the weak; and visit the lonely. Let all priests know that in thee God hath given them a model of faith in the night, of obedience in adversity, of chastity in tenderness, and of hope in uncertainty.

Thou art the terror of demons and the healer of those wounded in spiritual combat. Come, then, to the defense of every priest in need; overcome evil with good. Where there are curses, put blessings, where harm hath been done, do thou good. Let there be joy for the priests of the Church, and peace for all under thy gracious protection. Amen.



A PRAYER OF REPARATION FOR INSULTS AND BLASPHEMIES

O Jesus, my Savior and Redeemer, Son of the living God, behold, we kneel before Thee and offer Thee our reparation; we would make amends for all the blasphemies uttered against Thy holy name, for all the injuries done to Thee in the Blessed Sacrament, for all the irreverence shown toward Thine immaculate Virgin Mother, for all the calumnies and slanders spoken against Thy spouse, the holy Catholic and Roman Church. O Jesus, Who hast said: "If you ask the Father anything in My name, He will give it to you," we pray and beseech Thee for all our brethren who are in danger of sin; shield them from every temptation to fall away from the true faith; save those who are even now standing on the brink of the abyss; to all of them give light and knowledge of the truth, courage and strength for the conflict with evil, perseverance in faith and active charity! For this do we pray, most merciful Jesus, in Thy name, unto God the Father, with Whom Thou livest and reignest in the unity of the Holy Ghost world without end. Amen.

Be mindful of us, O blessed Joseph, and intercede for us with thy foster-Son by the pleading of thy prayer: do thou, in like manner, render the blessed Virgin Mary thy Spouse, gracious unto us, for she is the Mother of Him, Who with the Father and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth world without end. Amen.



3 years indulgence

MOTHER

Mother—the name that
an angel caught
From the lips of God in
the courts above;
Mother—the name that
an angel taught
To the speechless
tongue of an infant's love.



Mother—a memory heeded not
In the first wild, reckless hours of life;
Mother—the name that a man forgot
In the weary hours of worldly strife.

"Mother!" the sigh of a fallen foe
Through the night hush falling on
fields of pain;
"Mother!" an answering word, and lo!
The wayward man is a boy again.

-Thomas A. Lahey, C.S.C.

For the Church's "Mothering Sunday"

MAN'S RECOMPENSE

Not long ago they hailed Him King
And deemed Him worthy of the
crown;
So now they plait a wreath of thorns
And scourge Him for a purple gown!

By smiling Lake Genesareth's waves
He blessed their babes upon His Knee;
But now they goad His falt'ring Feet
Along the rocks to Calvary!

And though He multiplied five loaves
To fill their craving emptiness,
Unsated now, they gorge themselves
By feasting on his nakedness!

How often had they kissed His Hands
Which made the leper's body hale;
Yet now in each grace-dripping Palm
They prod and dig a trenchant nail!

E'en while He writhes upon the cross,
And trembling sun pales in eclipse,
They—still forgetting—hurry past
With blasphemy frothed on their lips!

Ah!—forgetfulness of human hearts!
And yet—dare we their crime decry?
Christ calls us from His Altar-throne,
But we—unmindful—pass Him by!

-Hyacinth Blocker, O.F.M.



The March winds respected Pope Gregory's Calendar and held off an extra day this Leap Year until Tuesday. But that afternoon they blew in with great force, like the proverbial lion. Sun and snow both featured in our latest miniwinter, but Spring is scheduled for Laetare, Rose Sunday today. Rejoice! Easter is near. Rejoice and take up the battle tomorrow with renewed energy.

Today is the English Mother's Day, Mothering Sunday, so called from the Epistle. We're observing it as Sisters' Sunday, rejoicing to have the blessing of sisters again at our church. Thank you to all of you who supported this endeavor, and thank you for your prayers, and presence, and practical help, dear Benedictine Sisters of Our Lady of Reparation. The Mexicans call all nuns Madre, Mother. A beautiful custom.

Thank you for your prayers for my Mexican trip, which went very well. These are always tiring but energizing affairs. We have so much at St. Gertrude the Great. It's good to get out each month and share the wealth. Of course, thanks to the wonders of modern communication, this can be and is, done every day. "The word goes forth." God bless the angels of the internet. "Unto all the earth." Still, we should be sensible of all we *do* have, and of all those souls who don't, and show ourselves generous and grateful.

Have you seen **Fr. Cekada's** latest video, "Archbishop Lefebvre, Sedevacantist"? It's already a big hit, and doing an important work to prepare souls to see the illogic, the *dangers* of the non-Catholic "R&R" position. They say that Bergoglio will simply *recognize* the Pius X Society, as the best way to assure they will no longer *resist* him. He wants a dogma free church anyway, teeming with confusion, with absolute *freedom* of thought and belief. This means slavery, of course.

This makes me think of the "elections" which serve to distract and enslave Americans every four years with a deep layer of lies. Alas! Brought to you, your home, your iPad, by the *same* means which also bring Catholic truth and worship. So, *turn it off!* Would you be missing anything? Uh-uh. "If voting made a difference, they wouldn't let us do it." – Mark Twain.

The Duke sent his servants out into our lands last week to cut brush and trees from our territory in favor of the electric lines. I rather regret the loss of privacy. The saws buzzed all day, and the cats were not at all pleased. The poor workers were working outside in all weathers. The cats opted in to relish the relative silence within. Better for napping.

I stepped out into the sunshine the other afternoon, thinking I had time to slip in a decade before my 5 o'clock Mass, and was greeted with a wave from a friendly lady who drove up to the door. She's an "Apostolic," part of the Protestant group which purchased our dear old church in Sharonville, and had

kindly offered to drop off some of our mail, sent to the wrong address. We got talking, and she remarked on certain similarities with the Catholic Church in their catechism. I told her she was Apostolic and we were Catholic, and that we really *should* get together. She reminded me they have an "apostle" but I said I'm only a bishop! Interesting. A very kind lady.

In any case, the mail was a mixed bag. There was a notification of a Novus Ordo Confirmation in Covington in November of a child baptized at St. Gertrude the Great. What a loss! God forgive the parents. But on the other hand there was a slew of checks someone had generously been sending, but to the old address. Gain and loss. Time and eternity.

This is the last "quiet" week of Lent before things get popping, so go be quiet in some corner and pray. Plenty of quiet corners in *our* church most days! You could easily claim a pew or two all for yourself for stations and daily Mass, and visits and Benediction. Oh, don't forget St. Thomas Aquinas, Angel of the Schools, patron of *all* Catholic Schools and theologians, tomorrow.

But this week is not so quiet for **Fr. McKenna**, who travels to Quito, Ecuador for Mass and a Conference on true Catholicism. Please pray for our missionary who is trading the frozen north for the elevated Andes. May he shed a little light in the benighted heights of Our Lady of Quito, the very headquarters of R&R Catholicism.

Next week is already Passiontide, and St. Patrick and the Seven Sorrows and St. Joseph. Then comes the Great Week, Holy Week, and Easter. So, make this week count.

I apologize if I got you up an hour late for Sunday Mass! (Some of you leave no time to spare, anyway, especially since we've mostly cancelled the cushion club.) Some years we get confused with Daylight Saving Time, but it is indeed *next Sunday*. These artificial jiggerings of the clock are hard to keep track of. But I hope there was no harm done.

So, we've lost an hour and gained a day, all in one week. How precious should each hour be, each day, each week. Use them for God, for eternity. Ask St. Joseph, the worker's friend, to bless your use of time this March, his month. It's a crucial one.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph!

Bishop Dolan

RISEN

Someone went to see that new movie "Risen," and says it was terrible, and that the actors who portrayed Christ and the Apostles acted like clowns, much fiction in the movie, and that she went away angry. Be warned! Stick with "The Passion of the Christ."



TELEVISION, FOOTBALL & POLITICS: Gaming Spectacles Designed to Keep the Police State in Power

If there are two spectacles that are almost guaranteed to render Americans passive viewers, incapable of doing little more than cheering on their respective teams, it's football and politics. We become so completely immersed in the Big Game or the Big Campaign that we are easily controlled by the powers-that-be—the megacorporations who run both shows—and oblivious to what is really going on around us.

For instance, while mainstream America has been fixated on the contenders for the Vince Lombardi Trophy and the White House, the militarized, warring surveillance state has been moving steadily forward. Armed drones, increased government surveillance and spying, SWAT team raids, police shootings of unarmed citizens, and the like continue to plague the country. None of these dangers have dissipated. They have merely disappeared from our televised news streams.

As clinical psychologist Bruce Levine notes, viewing television puts one in a brain state that makes it difficult to think critically, and it quiets and subdues a population. And spending one's free time isolated and watching TV interferes with our ability to translate our outrage over governmental injustice into activism, and thus makes it easier to accept an authority's version of society and life.

Supposedly the reason why television—and increasingly movies—are so effective in subduing and pacifying us is that viewers are mesmerized by what TV-insiders call “technical events.” These, according to Levine, are “quick cuts, zoom-ins, zoom-outs, rolls, pans, animation, music, graphics, and voice-overs, all of which lure viewers to continue watching even though they have no interest in the content.” Such

technical events, which many action films now incorporate, spellbind people to continue watching.

Televised entertainment, no matter what is being broadcast, has become the nation's new drug high. Researchers found that “almost immediately after turning on the TV, subjects reported feeling more relaxed, and because this occurs so quickly and the tension returns so rapidly after the TV is turned off, people are conditioned to associate TV viewing with a lack of tension.”

Not surprisingly, the United States is one of the highest TV-viewing nations in the world.

Television viewing, no matter what we're collectively watching—whether it's *American Idol*, the presidential debates or the Super Bowl—is a group activity that immobilizes us and mesmerizes us with collective programming. In fact, research also shows that regardless of the programming, viewers' brain waves slow down, thus transforming them into a more passive, nonresistant state.

If what we see and what we are told through the entertainment industrial complex—which includes so-called “news” shows—is what those in power deem to be in their best interests, then endless screen viewing is not a great thing for a citizenry who believe they possess choice and freedom. Mind you, the majority of what Americans watch on television is provided through channels controlled by a corporate elite of six megacorporations with the ability to foster a particular viewpoint or pacify its viewers on a large scale.

The populace is constantly distracted by entertainment, hooked on prescription drugs and controlled by a technological elite.

We have currently a built-in allergy to unpleasant or disturbing information. Our mass media reflect this. But unless we get up

off our fat surpluses and recognize that television in the main is being used to distract, delude, amuse, and insulate us, then television and those who finance it, those who look at it, and those who work at it, may see a totally different picture too late.

-John W. Whitehead



The Commie Pope's Latest Diatribes Against Peaceful, Voluntary Exchange

This time the Marxist-minded pontiff calls private-sector employers “the slave drivers of our days.” This was a popular theme among nineteenth- and early twentieth-century socialists—that wage earners in a capitalist economy are no better off than slaves. At least this gives us an indication of the state of the pope's economic knowledge. I would say that he's a pre-Soviet Union socialist/communist who seems totally oblivious to and unaware of the past several hundred years of world economic history. -Thomas DiLorenzo

WHY SEDEVACANTISM: III
from Bishop Sanborn

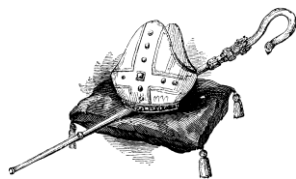
Evidence is on the side of sedevacantism. The evidence of heresy and defection on the part of the Vatican II "popes" is overpowering and hardly needs to be presented. The greatest evidence, however, is that all traditionalists, including the SSPX and R & R types, are resisting Vatican II and its reforms. If these changes are not false and evil, then why do they reject them?



APOSTASY!

"Certainly such attempts can no-wise be approved by Catholics, founded as they are on that *false opinion* which considers *all religions* to be more or less good and *praiseworthy*, since they all in different ways manifest and signify that sense which is inborn in us all, and by which we are led to God and to the obedient acknowledgement of His rule. Not only are those who hold this opinion in error and deceived, but also in *distorting the*

idea of true religion they reject it, and little by little



turn aside to naturalism and atheism, as it is called; from which it clearly follows that one who supports those who hold these theories and attempt to realize them, is *altogether abandoning the divinely revealed religion.*"

"Mortalium Animos" Pope Pius XI

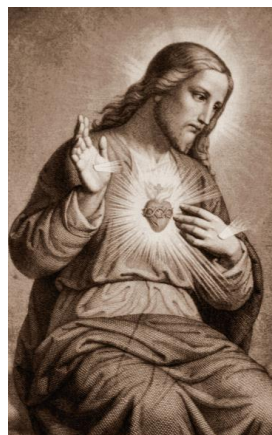
"Not to oppose error, is to approve it, and not to defend truth is to suppress it, and indeed to neglect to confound evil men, when we can do it, is no less a sin than to encourage them."

-Pope Felix III

MY GOD, I BELIEVE most firmly that Thou watchest over all who hope in Thee, and that we can want for nothing when we rely upon Thee in all things; therefore I am resolved for the future to have no anxieties, and to cast all my cares upon Thee.

People may deprive me of worldly goods and of honors; sickness may take from me my strength and the means of serving Thee; I may even lose Thy grace by sin; but my trust shall never leave me. I will preserve it to the last moment of my life, and the powers of hell shall seek in vain to wrestle it from me.

Let others seek happiness in their wealth, in their talents; let them trust to the purity of their lives, the severity of their morti-



fica-tions, to the number of their good works, the fervor of their prayers; as for me, O my God, in my very

confidence lies all my hope. "For Thou, O Lord, singularly has settled me in hope." This confidence can never be in vain. "No one has hoped in the Lord and has been confounded."

I am assured, therefore, of my eternal happiness, for I firmly hope for it, and all my hope is in Thee. "In Thee, O Lord, I have hoped; let me never be confounded." I know, alas! I know but too well that I am frail and changeable; I know the power of temptation against the strongest virtue. I have seen stars fall from heaven, and pillars of firmament totter; but these things alarm me not. While I hope in Thee I am sheltered from all

misfortune, and I am sure that my trust shall endure, for I rely upon Thee to sustain this unfailing hope.

Finally, I know that my confidence cannot exceed Thy bounty, and that I shall never receive less than I have hoped for from Thee. Therefore I hope that Thou wilt sustain me against my evil inclinations; that Thou wilt protect me against the most furious assaults of the evil one, and that Thou wilt cause my weakness to triumph over my most powerful enemies. I hope that Thou wilt never cease to love me, and that I shall love Thee unceasingly. "In Thee, O Lord, have I hoped; let me never be confounded."

Blessed Claude La Colombière, Priest, S.J.

PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH FOR A PARTICULAR PRIEST

O glorious Saint Joseph, I present to thee this day Father N., priest of Jesus Christ, and beg thee to be to him advocate and defender, counselor and friend. Open thy heart to him as thou didst open thy home to the Virgin Mother in her hour of need. Protect his holy priesthood as thou didst protect the life of the Infant Christ threatened by cruel Herod. In darkness bring him light; in weakness, strength; and in fear the peace that passeth understanding. For the sake of the tender love that bound thee to the Virgin Mary and to the Infant Christ, be thou for him, Saint Joseph, a constant intercessor and a shield against every danger of body, mind, and soul so that, in spite of his weaknesses and sins, his priesthood may bring glory to Christ and serve to increase the beauty of holiness in His bride the Church. Amen.



✠ CALENDAR

MON	3/7/16	ST. THOMAS AQUINAS, CD
	11:20 AM	High Mass St. Anthony – Thanksgiving (<i>Michelle Mikesell</i>)
	12:20 PM	Vespers
TUE	3/8/16	ST. JOHN OF GOD, C
	8:00 AM	Low Mass The Brockman Family
	11:20 AM	High Mass Purgatorial Society
	12:20 PM	Vespers
	5:00 PM	Low Mass †Dominico Anania (<i>S. Heckenkamp</i>)
	5:55 PM	Compline
WED	3/9/16	ST. FRANCES OF ROME, W
		<i>ST. DOMINIC SAVIO, C</i>
	8:00 AM	Low Mass For all who cook for us & for our devoted drivers (<i>The Fathers</i>)
	11:20 AM	High Mass Pat Kolb – Good Health (<i>Richard H. Smith</i>)
	12:20 PM	Vespers
	3:00 PM	Children's Stations & Holy Communion
	5:00 PM	Low Mass †Mr. William Harris (<i>The Wilkers</i>)
	5:55 PM	Compline
THU	3/10/16	FORTY HOLY MARTYRS
	8:00 AM	Low Mass John Brockman Family (<i>Rob & Jane Brockman</i>)
	11:20 AM	High Mass For the sanctification of priests (<i>Alter Christus</i>)
	12:20 PM	Vespers
	5:00 PM	Low Mass For our grandchildren (<i>Bob & Becky Uhlenbrock</i>)
	5:55 PM	Compline
FRI	3/11/16	FERIAL DAY
		<i>THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD</i>
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Special Intention (<i>Daniel Beaven</i>)
	10:55 AM	Confessions
	11:20 AM	High Mass For Ember (<i>Fr. Lehtoranta</i>)
	12:20 PM	Vespers
	5:15 PM	Confessions & Rosary
	5:45 PM	Low Mass Mr. & Mrs. Joshua Gunsher & family (<i>Frances R. Mattingly</i>)
	6:45 PM	Lenten Potluck Supper
	7:30 PM	Stations, Sermonette
		Sorrowful Mother Novena VIII, Blessing of the Sick; Sacred Heart Novena & Benediction
SAT	3/12/16	ST. GREGORY THE GREAT, PCD
	7:10 AM	Confessions
	7:30 AM	High Mass †Elizabeth Smith (<i>The Wilkers</i>)
	8:20 AM	Sermon, Low Mass The Blessed Virgin's protection for Patricia (<i>TRCS</i>)
		After Mass, we will need helpers to veil the statues.
SUN	3/13/16	PASSION SUNDAY
	7:30 AM	Low Mass Emma Wilker (<i>Dad & Mom</i>)
	9:00 AM	High Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great
	10:40 AM	Sunday Catechism Classes
	11:30 AM	Low Mass Merry Christmas – Bob & Becky Uhlenbrock (<i>Bob & Aubrey Uhlenbrock</i>)
	4:45 PM	Vespers & Benediction
	5:45 PM	Low Mass Robert J. Brockman Family (<i>Rob & Jane Brockman</i>)

IN THE CLOISTER

She spends her life, far from the noisy mart
Of commerce, and deep, sunny, azure skies
Paint all the brighter to her human eyes,
The vales of Solitude, dear to her heart!
And there she toils unknown and bears her part
Of Life's Gethsemane. Yet, O, the prize!
Sweet rose-crowned ways lead not to Paradise—
She chose the thorny ways that pain and smart.
A mystic Hand has tuned her fond heart-strings
To one long hymn of praise, with joy replete,



That fills with music, paths
angels have trod
And from her soul, Love dai-
ly, gladly flings
Pearls of prayer—keys that
unlock in dire need,
The audience chamber of the
very God.

-William J. Fischer
For Sisters' Sunday

Saint Joseph, father and guardian of virgins, into whose faithful keeping were entrusted Innocency itself, Christ Jesus, and Mary, the Virgin of virgins, I pray and beseech thee through Jesus and Mary, those pledges so dear to thee, to keep me from all uncleanness, and to grant that my mind may be untainted, my heart pure and my body chaste; help me always to serve Jesus and Mary in perfect chastity. Amen. (Indulgence of 3 years)



Masses offered by Fr. Cekada at the seminary:
For relief of all Faithful Departed (Patrick Omlor)
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Anne Marie & Paddy Omlor (Patrick Omlor)
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SERVERS

SUN 3/13 **7:30 AM LOW:** Brueggemann Bros.
9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: T. Simpson, A. Richesson **TH:** S. Arlinghaus **ACs:** P. Omlor, T. Lawrence **TORCH:** M. & D. Simpson, Dima Holbrook, L. Arlinghaus
11:30 AM LOW: Nicholas & Peter McClorey
4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller
5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller

**CONCLUSION OF THE
GOLDEN PROMISES OF OUR LORD
IN FAVOR OF THOSE WHO HONOR
HIS HOLY FACE**



THE GOLDEN ARROW

May the most holy, most sacred, most adorable, most incomprehensible and ineffable Name of God be forever praised, blessed, loved, adored and glorified, in Heaven, on earth, and under the earth, by all the creatures of God, and by the Sacred Heart of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. Amen.

**MONDAY IN LENT IV
Fifth Promise of Our Lord Jesus Christ
in favor of those who honor His Holy Face.**

“I will defend them, I will preserve them, and I assure them of final perseverance.”

Practice of Reparation

To hear an extra Mass (besides the one of obligation) on Sundays and holy days of obligation, in reparation for those who do not comply with the Sunday precept, and for the conversion of these persons.

Adorable Face of my Jesus, my only love, my light and my life, grant that I may know, love and serve Thee alone, that I may live with Thee, of Thee, by Thee, and for Thee. Amen.

**TUESDAY IN LENT IV
Sixth Promise of Our Lord Jesus Christ
in favor of those who honor His Holy Face.**

“By offering My face to My Eternal Father, nothing will be refused, and the conversion of many sinners will be obtained.”

Practice of Reparation

To offer the sacrifice of a legitimate pleasure on Sunday to atone for the profanations committed on this day.

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the adorable Face of Thy Beloved Son for the honor and glory of Thy Name, for the conversion of sinners and for the salvation of the dying.

O Divine Jesus, through Thy Face and Name, save us. Our hope is in the virtue of Thy Holy Name!

**WEDNESDAY IN LENT IV
Seventh Promise of Our Lord Jesus Christ
in favor of those who honor His Holy Face.**

“As in a kingdom they can procure all that is wished for with a coin stamped with the king’s effigy, so in the kingdom of heaven they will obtain all they desire with the precious coin of My Holy Face.”

Practice of Reparation

At the beginning of our prayers and exercises of piety, as an easy means of putting ourselves in the presence of God and combating distractions, to think of the Holy Face of Our Lord, Whose gaze is fixed upon us, and to adore Him with faith, and turn our hearts to Him with love.

**THURSDAY IN LENT IV
Eighth Promise of Our Lord Jesus Christ
in favor of those who honor His Holy Face.**

“By My Holy Face they will work wonders, appease the anger of God and draw down mercy on sinners.”

Practice of Reparation

To endeavor to imitate the patience, gentleness, serenity, modesty of the Holy Face, listening to the Divine Master, Who said: “Learn of Me when ye look upon Me, that I am meek in face and humble of heart;” knowing, indeed that like a spotless mirror, the face of the Man-God reflects the gentleness and humility of His heart.

Be merciful to us, O my God, and reject not our prayers, when amid our afflictions, we call upon Thy Holy Name and seek with love and confidence Thine adorable Face. Amen.

**FRIDAY IN LENT IV
THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD**

O Savior Jesus, at the sight of Thy most holy Face, disfigured by suffering, at the sight of Thy Sacred Heart, so full of love, I cry out with St. Augustine: “Lord Jesus, imprint on my heart Thy sacred Wounds, so that I may read therein sorrow and love; sorrow to endure every sorrow for Thee; love to despise every love for Thee.”

Practice of Reparation

To propagate devotion to the Holy Face by distributing books, leaflets, scapulars, pictures, medals, etc.; trying by this means to conquer the baneful effects of irreligion and indifference.

SATURDAY IN LENT IV

Cry of Love

Pardon, pardon, O my God, for the innumerable souls which are being lost every day around us. The devil rushes forth from the abyss, hurrying to make horrible conquests; he excites the infernal band; he exclaims, "Souls! souls! let us hasten to ruin souls!" And souls fall like autumn leaves into the eternal abyss.

We also, O my God, will cry, "Souls! souls!" We must have souls wherewith to acquit the debt of gratitude we have contracted towards Thee; we ask them of Thee by the wounds of Jesus, our Savior. These adorable wounds cry out to Thee even as so many powerful mouths. The King crowned with thorns demands subjects torn from the devil; we ask them of Thee, together with Him and through Him, for Thy greater glory, and through the intercession of the most Holy Virgin Mary, conceived without sin.

Practice of Reparation

To make the sign of the Cross with great respect, to repair the indignities that Jesus Christ received during His bitter passion, and for all disrespect shown to the image of Jesus Crucified.

PASSION SUNDAY

Prayer of Pope Pius IX

O my Jesus! cast upon us a look of mercy; turn Thy Face towards each of us as Thou did to Veronica; not that we may see It with our bodily eyes, for this we do not deserve; but turn It towards our hearts, so that, remembering Thee, we may ever draw from

this fountain of strength the vigor necessary to sustain the combats of life. Amen.

Practice of Reparation

To make a genuflection passing before the Blessed Sacrament, on entering and leaving the Church, in reparation for the genuflections made in derision by the Roman soldiers; saying at the same time, "I salute Thee, Jesus, King of the Jews! King of my heart, reign over me and over all men." We can likewise make the intention to repair the contempt of unbelievers to deny the Real Presence.

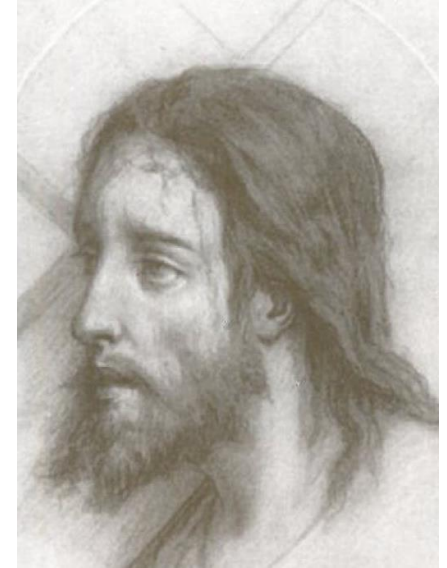
Prayer

O Lord Jesus Christ, in presenting ourselves before Thine adorable Face to ask of Thee the graces of which we stand most in need, we beseech Thee, above all, to grant us that interior disposition of never refusing at any time to do what Thou requires of us by Thy holy commandments and divine inspirations. Amen.



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Daily Thoughts and Prayers for Lent 2016

An Offering for Lent – St. Therese

O my God! I offer Thee all my actions of this Lent for the intentions and for the glory of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. I desire to sanctify every beat of my heart, my every thought, my simplest works, by uniting them to Its infinite merits; and *I wish to make reparation for my sins by casting them into the furnace of Its Merciful Love.*

O my God! I ask of Thee for myself and for those whom I hold dear, the grace to fulfill perfectly Thy Holy Will, to accept for love of Thee the joys and sorrows of this passing life, so that we may one day be united together in heaven for all eternity. Amen.